

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3362 - HB 3383

March 8, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Tennessee Primary Care Association, the Tennessee Hospital Association, and the Tennessee Rural Health Recruitment and Retention Center to work cooperatively with respect to the annual Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation process.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

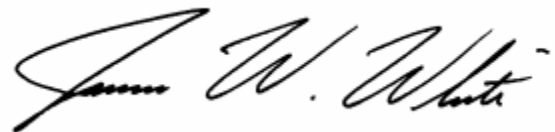
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Federal Shortage Destination Branch has an effective communication plan in place that includes the Tennessee Primary Care Association, the Tennessee Hospital Association and the Tennessee Medical Association in all correspondence and communications regarding HPSA designations. Including the Tennessee Rural Health Recruitment and Retention Center will not significantly increase state expenditures.
- The Department of Health currently uses methodology established by the United State Congress which is applied uniformly nationwide by the Federal Shortage Designation Branch to determine HSPA designation.
- There is an established period of comment in the federal approval process. An additional period of comment could cause a delay in the submission of the HSPA designation application.
- The information requested to be included in the Commissioner's report is published annually as part of the Health Access Plan Update. Any increase in expenditures to report to the General Assembly will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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